

Title (en)  
METHOD FOR EXCAVATING ROCK CAVITIES

Title (de)  
VERFAHREN ZUM HERSTELLEN VON RÄUMEN IM FELSGESTEIN

Title (fr)  
PROCEDE D'EXCAVATION DE CAVITES ROCHEUSES

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: WO9526456A1] A method for excavating rock cavities in the form of substantially cylindrical, vertical or low placed rock cavities for the storage of gas, fluid, solid products or for another purpose, whereby one, from a transport tunnel (2), excavates an upper circular room (3), that one, from this circular room (3), excavates the roof shape of the rock cavity (1) to be; that one, from a second transport tunnel (7) excavates a second annular tunnel (5) from a middle level in the rock cavity (1) to be; and that one, from said second transport tunnel (7), excavates a lower circular room (8) situated on a level which is substantially at the level where the lowest level of the rock cavity (1) to be, is, that one, at this lowest level excavates a third annular tunnel (13); that one, between said circular room (8) and said third annular tunnel (13) provides tap holes (9); that one, from said second annular tunnel (5), carries out stopping in a substantially annular vertical or inclined zone from said middle level to said lowest level and removes blasted rock mass through said tap holes (9), that one separates a substantially conical roof volume (10) above said annular room (8) whereafter, finally, a remaining, central, substantially cylindrical rock pillar (14), substantially placed above said annular room (8), is blasted completely or partly at one or more events and rock mass obtained is removed via said tap holes (9).

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